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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AWARDS

Delta Upsilon International Fraternity held its annual Leadership Institute in Kansas City from July 28-30. Over the weekend, two of Missouri Chapter's top alumni supporters were recognized for their support and achievements.



Bruce McKinney '74, former DUIF President, and Bob Doyle '71

Bob Doyle '71 Received the Edgar Bergen Award of Merit in Entertainment.

Bob is the owner and president of Major Bob/Rio Bravo Music, a publishing and production company, as well as Bob Doyle Associates, an artist management firm. He is the long-time manager for country music superstar Garth Brooks. Over the past 37 years, his companies have garnered more than 70 #1 singles and numerous songwriting and publishing awards.

Bob is a member of the International Entertainment Buyer's Association Hall of Fame and serves on the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers Board of Review. In addition to past roles at ASCAP and Warner Brothers Records, he is a retired pilot and lieutenant colonel with the Tennessee Air National Guard, having served in the Middle East and Bosnia. Bob cited the lyrics to Garth Brooks' "Standing Outside the Fire" when accepting his award and encouraged the undergraduates in attendance to be bold and chase their dreams.



Jeff Kreutz '99 Received the Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award.

This award recognizes that one of the major factors in a chapter's long-term success is the commitment and influence of a talented chapter advisor. Jeff has been a member of the Missouri Alumni Board for the past 10 years and assumed his role as chairman of the Chapter Advisory Board in 2018. "He puts in countless hours each year, ensuring the undergraduate chapter is running on all cylinders," said the selection committee.

"In addition to regular advising duties, he helps conduct a parent orientation for new members and their parents each fall, is consistently helping the chapter implement new brotherhood development ideas like regular brotherhood dinners, and provides regular coaching for chapter officers. Outside of his work with the Missouri Chapter, Jeff has facilitated the DUIF Regional Leadership Academy several times, including earlier this year. He truly cares about the success of his chapter and Delta Upsilon as a whole."

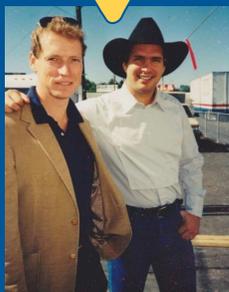
MISSOURI CHAPTER LEGACY PLAN

Last year, Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation announced the \$6 million *Ignite the Charge* campaign to expand and increase educational programming for undergraduates across North America. As a part of this campaign, the Missouri Chapter Legacy Plan was created so that Missouri alumni can make tax-deductible donations

for the direct benefit of Missouri Chapter undergraduates. Providing annual coaching and training is critical for strengthening the culture and sustainability of the chapter.

Currently, the chapter must fund educational programming out of yearly cash flow. The Missouri CLP is an

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Bob with Garth Brooks.

Chapter Report

Undergraduates Starting Off on a High Note

— GROWING STRONGER —

The chapter entered the year with roughly 170 members, the third largest of all fraternities on campus and the most of any DU chapter in North America. Strong spring semester performances in grades and philanthropy along with extensive member participation in leadership programming over the summer positions the chapter for future success!



Chapter President Peter Quinn '25 gives an address at the LI reception.

— MAKING THE GRADE —

The spring semester finished with a 3.27 GPA for the chapter, which was above the all-men's and all-fraternity averages. The chapter had 71 members make the dean's list, the third most of all fraternities on campus.

— DUIF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMING —

Nine undergraduate members attended the Delta Upsilon Leadership Institute from July 28-30 in Kansas City. The chapter was recognized for recruiting 55 new members in 2022-23, one of the largest of any chapter in North America. We were excited to cheer on our alumni award recipients, **Jeff Kreutz '99**

(Advisor of the Year) and **Bob Doyle '71** (Merit Award in Entertainment), and to meet many of our local alumni at the reception. (Read more about their awards on page 1!)

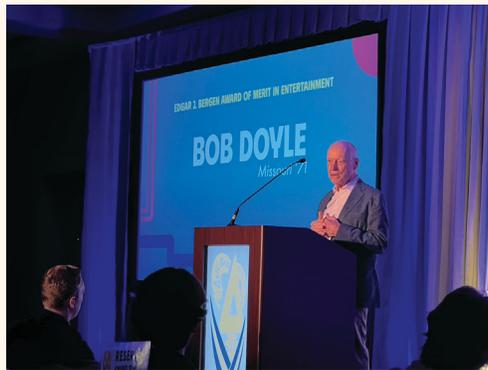
Earlier in the summer, **Jack Brennan '26** and **Luke Higgins '26** attended the Delta Upsilon Emerging Leaders conference. DUEL is an intensive one-week leadership course consisting of about 30 undergraduates from across North America and held at Williams College in Massachusetts, where the first DU chapter was founded.

— BIGGER AND BETTER —

Our summer and formal recruitment program resulted in the signing of 40 new associate members. The average GPA of 3.8 may have been the highest in our history and is well above the university average for incoming students. Special thanks to VP of Recruitment **Mark Scott '25** and his team for a job well done!

Please drop by if you are ever in Columbia; we would love to see you!

Fraternally,
Peter Quinn '25
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Bob takes the stage to share some wisdom with the undergraduates.

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endowment fund that will lessen the burden on undergraduates. Our goal is to have a CLP of roughly \$300,000, which would fund 25 scholarships and one chapter retreat each year. Donor receptions were held in St. Louis in April and at the Leadership Institute in Kansas City in July to gauge initial interest.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE!

Thus far, the response has been encouraging. In fact, **initial pledges of nearly \$100,000 have been received!** Communications will be coming your way as we build to the campaign's close on June 30, 2024. In the meantime, you can visit deltau.org/ignitethecharge for additional information. I am honored to serve as the campaign chairman and would be happy to engage with you personally.

Fraternally,
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David W. Lewis '68 – June 24, 2023

CATCH UP WITH STEVE K. BARBARICK '99

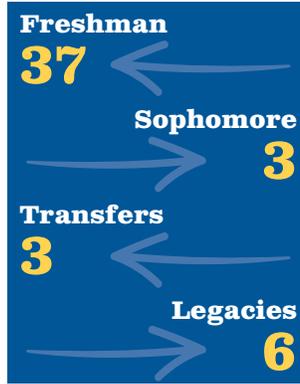
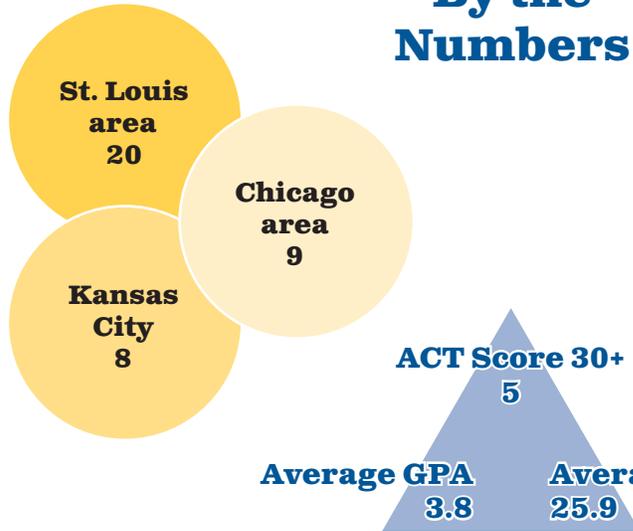
Steve is living in Franklin, Tenn. He accepted a position as president and CEO of a retail company headquartered in Illinois called Rural King. "The company has 134 stores across 13 states," he shares. "We are always looking to recruit great people both at our corporate office or in the field for anyone finishing school. Feel free to contact me with any interest!" Email: steve.barbarick1@gmail.com

Alumni Updates

Our 2023 Associate Member Class

We welcomed a total of 40 associate members this fall!

By the Numbers



The pinning ceremony was held on Sunday, August 27, and their education program began the next day. It will last for eight weeks, culminating in the initiation ceremony on Sunday, October 27.

Jacob Battey
 Kansas City, Mo.
 Staley

Davis Dow*
 Cape Girardeau, Mo.
 Notre Dame Regional
 (Brother **Alex Dow '23**; Father)

Gianni Ioannou
 Lee's Summit, Mo.
 Lee's Summit West

Jacob "J.B." Ney*
 Defiance, Mo.
 Francis Howell
 (Brother **Jamie Ney '25**)

Andrew Smentek
 Plainfield, Ill.
 Plainfield North

Brady Blumenberg
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Christian Brothers College

Hayes Evans
 Sikeston, Mo.
 Notre Dame Regional

Andrew Keenan
 Fenton, Mo.
 Chaminade

Aidan Niewald
 Lee's Summit, Mo.
 St. Michael the Archangel

Ben Takaoka
 Chicago, Ill.
 Vernon Hills

Bennett Breheny*
 Fenton, Mo.
 Vianney
 (Brother **Jack Breheny '24**)

Seth Gillespie
 Maryville, Mo.
 Maryville

Connor Kutchback*+
 O'Fallon, Mo.
 Saint Dominic/KU
 (Father **Robert Kutchback '92**)

Tucker Rapp
 Oswego, Ill.
 Oswego East

Bryant Thomas
 St. Charles, Mo.
 Francis Howell

Bobby Brennan
 Glen Ellyn, Ill.
 Glenbard West

Danny Grisham
 St. Louis, Mo.
 DeSmet

Tyler Laux
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Vianney

Ali Rehman
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Parkway West

Ian Tyner+
 Saint Charles, Ill.
 St. Charles East/
 University of Colorado

Michael "Mick" Collier*
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Kirkwood
 (Father **Matthew Collier '85**)

Nathan Hearst+
 Kansas City, Mo.
 Liberty/Arizona
 State University

Logan Masters
 Lee's Summit, Mo.
 Lee's Summit

Zack Robinson
 Lee's Summit, Mo.
 Lee's Summit North

Jesse Versheldon
 Weldon Spring, Mo.
 Francis Howell

Tommy Collora
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Vianney

Jack Herget
 Mokena, Ill.
 Lincoln Way Central

Gabe Millikan
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Kirkwood

Charles Saunders
 Chesterfield, Mo.
 Marquette

Tommy Walsh
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Christian Brothers College

Mason Craven
 Prairie Village, Kan.
 Shawnee Mission East

Ryan Hohman
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Lindbergh

Michael Miramonti*
 Kirkwood, Mo.
 DeSmet
 (Brother **Jack Miramonti '25**)

Ryan Schaefer
 Naperville, Ill.
 Nequa Valley

Ben Williams
 St. Louis, Mo.
 St. Louis University

Ben Cummings
 Plainfield, Ill.
 Plainfield North

Lance Hudson
 Wildwood, Mo.
 Lafayette

Ryan Nelson
 Plainfield, Ill.
 Plainfield North

Alex Shank
 Shawnee, Kan.
 Mill Valley

Leo Wolkey
 St. Louis, Mo.
 Chaminade

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HOW TO GET (AND STAY!) ON THE LIST

We love sending you physical copies of *The Duck Call* to stay connected throughout the year, but what about the news that can't wait that long? Or what if you want to read up on DU while you're on the go? That's when it's crucial to connect with alumni online!

From event reminders and save-the-dates to breaking news, we want to keep all our alumni in the loop through (limited) email updates. And you can enjoy the newsletter virtually as well!

If you aren't getting emails from Missouri Chapter or can't remember if we have your preferred address, here are a few tips:

- Refer to the enclosed bio update flyer and see if we have your preferred email listed. If not, follow the instructions on the form to get it updated!
- If the correct email is listed on the bio update, we suggest adding "Missouri Chapter of Delta Upsilon" to your email contacts. Messages will come from this sender name and from the email of our communications coordinator, alehr@penningtonco.com.
- Another solution is to check your spam or promotions folder. If you find a Missouri Chapter email in there, open it, engage with it (click on a link or reply), and check your email settings to help the next message land directly in your inbox.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!

P.S. *Don't worry—your email is safe with us!
We do not share your info outside of our organization.*

SAVE THE DATE *for a Tailgate*

We are excited to invite alumni back to 711 Tiger Avenue for football tailgates! For each date below, we will have food, drinks, music, and games. Undergraduate members will be in attendance and happy to show you around the house!

UPCOMING TAILGATES:

**October 21
(Homecoming)**
South Carolina | Kickoff TBD

**November 11
(Dad's Weekend)**
Tennessee | Kickoff TBD

We hope to see you at one or both! Families are welcome. Questions? Contact **Jeff Kreutz '99** at (816) 682-4268 or jeffkreutz@yahoo.com.